

CLAIM LISTING

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of inactivating a virus, comprising contacting said virus with a virucidally effective amount of a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a synergistic combination, said synergistic combination consisting ~~essentially of 0.2—12.5% by volume~~ a C1, a C2, or a C3 alcohol or a C2, C3, or C4 diol having a concentration of 0.2 to 13.0% by volume in water, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the ~~composition~~ synergistic combination to between 2.45 and 4.6.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, and 2-propanol.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol.
4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said alcohol is ethanol.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is an organic acid.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein said organic acid selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid and acetic acid.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said acid is an inorganic acid.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said acid is hydrochloric acid.
9. (Previously amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the pH of said synergistic combination is 2.45.
10. (Cancelled) The method of claim 1, wherein the concentration of said alcohol in said synergistic combination is between about 0.2% and 12.5% by volume.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus resides in the dermis or epidermis of a human or animal infected by said virus.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is applied topically to reduce or inhibit lesions in an animal or human suffering from an infection by said virus.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is a member of the Herpesviridae family.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 1.
15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 2.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is Varicella-zoster virus.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is a member of the Poxviridae family.
18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said virus is molluscum contagiosum.
19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said virus is selected from the group consisting of rhinoviruses, adenoviruses, enteroviruses, cornoviruses, respiratory syncytial viruses, influenza viruses and parainfluenza viruses.
20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is a preparation selected from the group consisting of a tincture, gel, ointment, cream, salve, lotion, lip balm, foam, spray and aerosol.
21. (Currently amended) A method of inactivating a virus, comprising contacting said virus with a virucidally effective amount of a composition ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a synergistic combination, said combination consisting ~~essentially~~ 0.2-12.5% by volume of an alcohol selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, 1-propanol, 2-propanol, 2,3-butanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, and 1,4-butanediol having a concentration of 0.2 to 13.0% by volume in water, and a sufficient amount of an acid to adjust the pH of the ~~composition~~ synergistic combination to between 2.45 and 4.6, wherein said acid is selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, succinic acid, malic acid, citric acid, acetic acid, and hydrochloric acid.
22. (Previously amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the pH of said synergistic combination is 2.45.
23. (Cancelled) The method of claim 21, wherein the concentration of said alcohol in said synergistic combination is between about 0.2% and 12.5% by volume.
24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said composition is applied topically to reduce or inhibit lesions in an animal or human suffering from an infection by said virus.
25. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said virus resides in the dermis or epidermis of a human or animal infected by said virus.
26. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said virus is a member of the Herpesviridae family.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 1.
28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said virus is herpes simplex 2.
29. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said virus is Varicella-zoster virus.
30. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said virus is a member of the Poxviridae family.
31. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein said virus is molluscum contagiosum.
32. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said virus is selected from the group consisting of rhinoviruses, adenoviruses, enteroviruses, cornoviruses, respiratory syncytial viruses, influenza viruses and parainfluenza viruses.
33. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein said composition is a topical preparation selected from the group consisting of a tincture, gel, ointment, cream, salve, lotion, lip balm, foam, spray and aerosol.